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## **National Cruelty Investigations School**

Norman Animal Welfare will host and participate in Level I of the National Cruelty Investigations School at the Norman Police Department's training facility from March 5-9, 2012. The course provides forty hours of instruction aimed at teaching a systematic approach to animal cruelty investigations. Developed in 1990 and presented by the Law Enforcement Training Institute, through the University of Missouri-Columbia, the course has a national faculty, who have presented the curriculum in over 1,000 agencies and 50 states, including Canada.

Norman Animal Welfare Supervisor, John Bowman, has enrolled several of his offices in the course, which may cause a few response delays for non-emergency calls from Monday through Friday during the training. Bowman believes the training will improve the professionalism of employees and the quality of animal cruelty investigations in Norman, thereby benefiting all residents and their pets.

Anyone with questions or wanting further information regarding this course should call the Norman Animal Shelter at 292-9736.

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